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Susan and Allen Snider enjoy the warmth and sunshine during a glimpse of spring earlier this week. With them are Millie and Mason.

Jet boats can stay

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

The three judges hearing the town's appeal to an Ontario court over the town's lease of the Melville Street municipal dock to the jet boat operation say it is a legal use of the dock and may continue.

The Niagara River Coalition, a group opposed to the jet boat's use of the dock, had successfully taken the town to court over the lease. It was deemed illegal on 21 counts, chiefly that it did not conform to the town's official plan, and that the dock should be accessible to the public.

In a decision released Wednesday, the judges of the court of appeal describe the jet boat operation as a legal non-conforming use of the dock that is compatible with the town's official plan and state that the dock has no current history of public access.

After 22 pages describing the history of the dock, the jet boat operation and planning issues, the decision concludes, "this latter day attack (by the Niagara River Coalition) on the legality of the jet boat operation is unsupportable."

"We're obviously pleased with the decision," said Lord Mayor Gary Burroughs. "That's why we went through the appeal."

The town will be seeking further legal interpretation of the decision and advice as to whether it will ask for costs from the Niagara River Coalition, Burroughs said.

The favourable appeal decision will allow the town to move forward with its visioning exercise and the Dock Area secondary plan, he added.

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No consensus on town budget

Town property taxes will rise, but how much is still up in the air as councillors debate proposed expenditures.

Matt Day
Niagara Advance

The long, drawn out process in finalizing the Town's 2010 budget is still not over.

At Monday's committee-of-the-whole meeting, it was expected a net tax levy for the town of $7,089,565 would be approved, but at the end of the four-hour long meeting, councillors defeated that motion and decided to refer the budget for further debate to an upcoming special meeting with a date yet to be determined.

Town staff had given councillors a list of 21 possible expenditures, referred to as business cases, to comb through, but no consensus that would have allowed final approval could be reached.

That's not to say nothing was accomplished at Monday's meeting as councillors agreed to up the library materials budget from $20,000 to $40,000 and to decrease the amount going into the Town's insurance reserve from $100,000 to $75,000.

Finance director Scott Tipping said staff was trying to address some liabilities, including $345,000 for a fuel tank leak on the town's public works property, "and we tried to capture that through the capital budget. It's good to draw it out... but it means we're putting off that inevitable payment."

Although most business cases were accepted, Dennis Dick warned his fellow councillors about the "slippery slope" they are treading.

In previous councils, business cases were accepted almost too easily, he said.

"Over the last number of years we have been somewhat successful in not working our way up that ladder again because once you start it is difficult to stop," he said, referring specifically to a new $16,000 grant requested by Riverbrink Museum, which councillors turned down.

"Although it's a very legitimate enterprise, I don't want to start up that slope again."

With the expectation that government funding is going to be cut drastically in years to come, councillors are looking to the future by putting money in the reserves, but that means some organizations won't be getting the funding they are looking for.

One of the most difficult decisions debated at Monday's meeting was how the Town will pay for 60 new self-contained breathing apparatuses for the fire department. The much-needed equipment is projected to cost $325,000 and the decision on whether to debenture or finance had council split. The new equipment replaces 25-year-old machines that have been repaired and upgraded as much as possible, are failing with increasing frequency and no longer meet current standards. The project has been on the capital budget forecast for five years, councillors were told. In the end, councillors voted to debenture the equipment.

At some point, Dick said, someone is going to have to bite the bullet and cut some of the extra expenses which the town is financing with money from NOTL Hydro "because to keep using money from Hydro is wrong."

He said although he created the motion to debenture the equipment at $200,000, he didn't believe the Town should be going down that road in the future.

Lord Mayor Gary Burroughs reminded councillors that no matter what issue they are dealing with, it remains council's budget and it's up to them what they want to budget for.

Councillors who still have questions or concerns were told to contact Tipping throughout the week to work out their issues to have a good understanding of what the budget will look like for the March 22 council meeting.

If none of the business cases are included in the budget taxpayers would see a tax increase of 3.55 per cent or $11.66 per $100,000 of assessment, and if all are approved the tax hike would be about 7.5 per cent.

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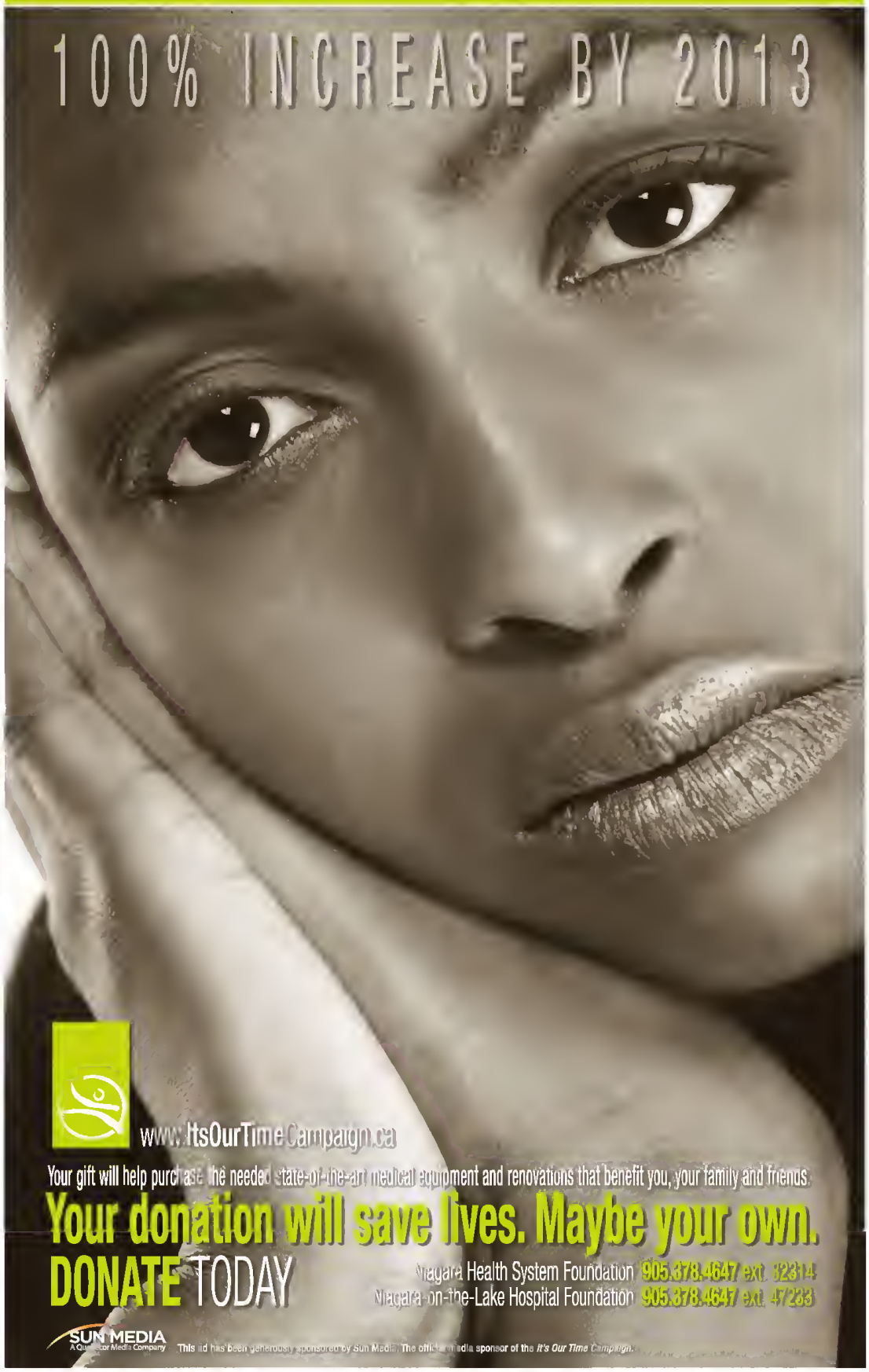

New school 'first class facility'

School board moving ahead with site plan application but Ontario Municipal Board will have to rule on Line 2 location.

Matt Day
Niagara Advance

Council was given its first official look at a new elementary school designed for Virgil this week, but the location of the school is still very much up in the air.

A site plans and drawings were presented to council by Douglas Durant and Sue Mark of the District School Board of Niagara outlining what the new 52,000 square foot, 20-classroom building would look like along Line 2 and Niagara Stone Road.

Durant, plant services controller with the DSBN, said the new school will be a "state-of-the-art facility with all the newest technologies to improve learning environments."

The "first-class facility" will feature a double sized gym which will be available for public use, full-sized soccer and baseball fields, an early childhood learning centre on-site and the capability of holding 460 students.

Superintendent Sue Mark said designers and engineers referenced other schools throughout Ontario in order to offer some of the latest technological advancements in the classroom.

Durant told councillors the DSBN has been working at getting the building ready to go to tender by May 1 with a target of September 2011 as an opening date.

"In order to achieve that goal, we need to start construction of early June this year."

The site must first be decided by the Ontario Municipal Board appeal which will be heard in April to rule on a zoning issue, and the school board, to speed up construction, has submitted a site plan to the town in anticipation of OMB approval.

Other sites have been proposed, but the DSBN has been adamant on the location on the corner of the busy highway.

Durant said with the school located along Niagara Stone Road, certain safety precautions are being planned including illuminated school warning signs, plenty of room for nearly 20 'kiss and ride' drop-off points and enough room for four buses to park at one time, with more space available around the side of the building.

Councillor Gary Zalepa Jr. asked for more information before council approves the site plan, including costs for road improvements and the construction of the school itself.

Councillors were unable to approve the site plan Monday night as the planning committee meeting has been rescheduled due to a longer than anticipated budget meeting.

This is the view of the new Virgil elementary school as it would look from Niagara Stone Road, should the school board win its appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board of the zoning on the Line 2 site it has chosen .

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Peller chef challenged to learn about nutrition and finds weight loss follows

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

First CityLine, then Oprah?

The two women who run Balance Fitness Studio are dreaming big.

They've recently fulfilled one of their goals—national TV exposure—but they have set a goal for themselves of one day maximizing exposure to their fitness program through Oprah, who is known for promoting efforts that embrace a healthy lifestyle.

The Balance duo of Bonnie Giampa and Briar Krieger were recently aided on their quest to spread the word by Jason Parsons, executive chef at Peller Estate.

Parsons wanted to join the Balance Challenge with his wife, but didn't think he'd have much luck sticking to it—he was afraid his job would make the strict eating regimen impossible. But with three weeks left to go on the eight-week exercise and nutrition program, he had lost 14 pounds, and wanted to share some of the secrets of healthy eating he has learned.

He and his wife love working out at Balance -it's just a block away from their home. But when he first looked into the Challenge, he said, "it seemed a little harsh for what I do." Those who take the Challenge earn points for exercise and clean eating, and Parsons says with the tasting he does in the Peller kitchen, he expected the eating portion of the program to be a problem. But once he gave it a try, he said, "I was blown away by it. People think chefs know all about nutrition, but my life has been about flavour and ingredients. I've learned a lot, including the importance of reading food labels."

He bas made some cbanges to his diet that he expects to be permanent—why not cook with brown rice pasta, which tastes just as good as wheat pasta, or tomato sauce minus the sugar? "I made a Challenge-friendly lasagna the other day and it's brilliant," he says.

At work, he's letting his sous chefs do some of the tasting for him, and he's become much more conscious of what he puts in his mouth.

"I lost 14 pounds in 23 days, and I broke 200 pounds last week. I haven't been 200 pounds in forever."

He's given up Coke—he used to drink about three litres a day, but there is no pop allowed on the Challenge, no coffee, no alcohol, no wheat flour and no sugar.

But although there are lots of "don'ts" on the program, says Parsons, "I was surprised by how much I could eat. It's been a real education for me and it's been fun."

Parsons came to Peller about six years ago, with more than 20 years experience at world renowned restaurants. And for the last eight years he's been a guest expert on CityLine. Last week, he took two of his Challenge-friendly recipes national on CityLine, talking up combining great food with healthy eating and providing recipes (available on the TV show's website) for fennel-crusted salmon on brown rice pasta with sugar-free tomato sauce, and a grilled turkey sandwich with mango and goat cheese on spelt bread.

"It was great to hear Balance promoted," says co-owner Krieger.

And it was good to reach that particular goal, she added, on the way to an even bigger one.

"We have big dreams. We want to go global with the Challenge. We also have a goal of making it to Oprah."

This eight-week Challenge was one of the smaller of the 10 Balance has offered to date, with about 150 people signed up, 'but is is an extremely motivated group," says Krieger. As is Parsons, she added.

"You can definitely see the difference with the weight he has lost."

More than 2,000 people across Niagara have taken the Challenge so far, with an average of about 3,000 pounds lost each session.

"These two women (Giampa and Krieger) are so dynamic, so positive, and so proud of all of us," says Parsons. "It's no wonder it's (the Challenge) such a success. They get you so excited, and you don't want to let them down."

Jason Parsons before the Challenge

Jason Parsons with three weeks to go.

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our editorial

Jet boat skirmish over but battle will continue

There was a lot of hope and expectation pinned on the appeal of the court decision that said the town's lease of the municipal Melville Street dock to the popular jet boat operation was illegal.

It seemed that the strongly-worded original decision, which listed 21 reasons why the jet boats should not be allowed to continue to use the town dock, was affirmation of the Niagara River Coalition's opposition.

The appeal decision is just as strong and just as much an affirmation that the town and its legal advisors were correct in allowing the most recent lease and the two that preceded it.

That judges sitting in different courts could hear the same evidence and come to two very different conclusions is a little difficult for those of us who are not lawyers to understand.

There are some key points in the appeal decision that seek to explain, one that the evidence of former town planner John Perry and his interpretation of the town's official plan, accepted by the judge in the original application, should have been inadmissable.

The appeal judge also relies on the decision of the Ontario Municipal Board hearing that allowed the zoning for the Melville Street townhouses, which states the dwellings would not cause "an unacceptable adverse impact upon the existing jet boat business." The fact that the board allowed the jet boat operation to be a party to that hearing, didn't challenge the legality of the operation at the time and in fact dealt with the impact of the townhouses on the tourist attraction, rather than the other way around, is telling, the appeal decision says.

Some of the opinions expressed in the appeal decision refer to legal arguments also offered by jet boat opposition lawyers during the year-long environmental hearing on the use of the Queenston dock, particularly that the intensification of the use of the dock changes the nature of that use. The appeal judge didn't buy that argument. It remains to be seen how the chair of the environmental review deals with the same argument.

The town, and indeed the town council, has been divided on the jet boat operation for more than a decade, with some lauding it as a business that contributes to the local economy and others who feel it is inappropriate for NOTL and adversely affects the quality of life for locals.

This decision ends one skirmish in an ongoing battle that includes a secondary plan for the Dock Area and the growth of the tourist attraction and its impact on the otherwise-quiet village of Queenston.

At least there will be some relief for the residents of Queenston who no longer have to worry about the jet boat operation moving the bulk of its tours and tourists to the dock in their village. And it puts paid to the division of NOTL Sailing Club members over whether to allow the jet boat operation to use their dock.

As for neighbours of the Melville Street dock, they were relying on this decision to rid their neighbourhood of what they see as a major annoyance.

It may be an oversimplification to say this could have been avoided if the town had placed more stringent controls on the operation in the first place and enforced them through the terms of the lease. Now, many thousands of dollars later, that will be the only hope for neighbouring residents, and a very slim one at that.

Our Heritage

Photo courtesy of the Niagara Historical Museum

This photograph shows the two fire companies (Company A and Company B - as embroidered onto the uniforms) of Niagara-on-the-Lake in 1906. The firefighters are standing beside the Court House with the old hose drying tower visible. To the right of that is the current entrance to the Chamber of Commerce.

letters to the editor

Warning to hospital

I recently had the pleasure of spending six days in the Greater Niagara General Hospital. I was not given a 'patient's comment sheet' so I am making one of my own.

My surgery was a total knee joint replacement which left me fairly helpless for a few days. I don't think I could have asked for kinder, more patient nurses or a more completely professional surgeon than Dr. Offierski.

But having had my wife come within inches of death from a hospital super-bug (C-Difficile) in another city eight years ago, I am really alarmed.

Just since November, six of 10 patients who contracted that bug in the Hanover (ON) District Hospital did not survive.

The room where I spent six days is an open invitation to that bug. It has a narrow washroom with no sink, faucets, soap dispenser or Lysol disinfectant. It does have a Purell dispenser on the back of the door to be used before the nurse pulls you out. The sink with running water and soap are in the room itself but so close to one of the two beds that it is a squeeze for a patient using a four-legged walker, especially if the bed beside it is surrounded with visitors.

During my six days in that room I never once witnessed soap, water, vacuum cleaner or even a broom applied to the floor of the room. Urinals supplied to male patients are often dumped without being rinsed or disinfected before the next use. That's not the nurses' fault because they are in a hurry and there is no facility for rinsing or disinfecting.

I know that hospital costs have to be cut somewhere but it seems pretty dangerous to me to risk patients' lives in the process.

Gerald Wright

Please let us know if you need help at Easter

Newark Neighbours needs goodies for Easter baskets.

Brenda Shah
Newark Neighbours

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Item of St. Mark's history on display at museum

Bronze sculpted font cover designed by local artist part of The Forgotten Years display at the Niagara Historical Museum.

Archives Committee Reports
St. Mark's Church

The Archives Committee discovered recently that the font cover had disappeared from the St. Mark's Church.

It is a bronze sculpture depicting St. Mark holding a Bible in his hand and standing beside a winged lion, an ancient symbol frequently associated with the preaching ministry of St. Mark. The bronze is the work of Jacobin Jones, a native of Niagara-on-the Lake.

Careful sleuthing and a few discrete questions led us to the museum, where the sculpture forms part of a show entitled The Forgotten Years. We were promised that they are merely borrowing it.

The show includes many Niagara artists, both professional and amateur, whose creative period covers the years 1929 to1973.

At first glance this choice of time span appears rather strange, until one recognizes it is a period when tourists did not come to the town in any great numbers. Before that the Queens Royal Hotel was a social centre. Young people crossed from Toronto for the Friday night "sock hop". When the hotel was destroyed by fire, this tourist invasion stopped until the Shaw Festival began to draw crowds once again. During those years Niagara was just a small, quiet village. It is this period that is portrayed in the art of the Museum's show.

These were the difficult years of the great depression and the Second World War. People who lived in Niagara during that time will recognize Bishop's fish shop and the Niagara Public School. Artists' names like Dr. Rigg and Margaret Peake Benton will be familiar to them. Like the font cover from St. Mark's, the work of these people is also on loan to the museum for this show.

Many of the artists' names appear in the St. Mark's Archives, in lists of Parish members, in the annual vestry minutes, among the Altar and Ladies Guilds and in the business decisions of the parish. People who are involved in community activities tend to be involved as well in the activities of one church or another.

We trust that when the show has run its span, the bronze sculpture will be returned to the Church. We would also like to "borrow" the wonderful pencil sketch of St. Mark's Church that forms part of the exhibit.

The Forgotten Years runs at the Niagara Historical Museum until the end of April. For more information call 905-468-3912 or visit www.niagaralhistorical.museum.

The font cover from St. Mark's is part of the current exhibit at the Niagara Historical Museum, called The Forgotten Years, on display until the end of April.

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Under Section 29(1) of the Municipal Elections Act – "A person may be nominated for an office only if, as of the day the person is nominated:
a) he or she is qualified to hold that office under the Act that creates it; and,
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- A Declaration of Qualification form (to be signed in the presence of the Clerk, etc.)
- The prescribed filing fee of $200.00 for the Head of Council and $100.00 for all other offices. The filing fee is payable by cash, debit, or certified cheque or money order. Candidate identification (Government issued photo identification).

Nominations for:
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Nomination and Declaration of Qualification forms are available at the Clerk's Department and www.notl.org

In the event there are an insufficient numbers of certified candidates to fill all positions available, nominations will be reopened for the vacant positions only on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and such additional nominations, if required, may be filed in the office of the Clerk.

A Candidate Information Session is being held on April 28, 2010, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the MacBain Community Centre – 2nd Floor, 7150 Montrose Road, Niagara Falls for anyone interested in running for municipal office (this is not a candidate debate forum).

For further information, please visit the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake website at www.notl.org or contact the Clerk's Department at 905 368-3266.

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March Break fun

Winners Day Camp, library and Pumphouse offer activities for kids during March Break.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Jennifer Caughill, a teacher and specialist in teaching co-operative games, believes every child should feel like a winner.

That is the philosophy behind her Winners Day Camp, which will offer a March Break program that will give children a chance to play co-operative games with the emphasis on fun, enhancing their self-esteem and developing their ability to work well with others.

Nurturing co-operation, promoting life skills and building self esteem are the goals of the games component of Winners Day Camps.

Winners day campers participate in co-operative activities, including parachute games, arts and crafts, drama, water fun and relaxation. In a fun, creative and non-competitive environment, children develop their ability to work well with others, pursue goals, think positively and have fun, says Caughill.

This March break, Caughill says, the theme is "over the rainbow. We'll enjoy a colourful week as we create beautiful tissue paper rainbows, soaring rainbow windsocks and neat kaleidoscopes."

Games will include What Time is it Mr. Rainbow? and Rainbow, Rainbow, Gold.

"And what's camp without a bit of sing song? We hope you will join in as we sing He Lived Under the Rainbow, Colours up in the Rainbow and If You Want to See a Rainbow."

Kids can also expect to put on their baking gear and make some delicious rainbow cupcakes.

And for more fun, they can don detective hats and follow clues to the Pot of Gold at the end of the rainbow treasure hunt.

Mid-week will be a St. Patrick's Day celebration with a fun game of Leprechaun, Leprechaun, Where's Your Shamrock and catchy songs like I'm a Little Leprechaun, and a papier mache pot of gold craft.

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William Caughill, Jack Friesen, Benjamin Zalepa and Jac Bateson play ball hockey with Jennifer Caughill supervising at the Kinsmen Scout Hall, where Winners Day Camp will be held.

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OPEN HOUSE – Learn more about proposed infrastructure improvements!
Wednesday, March 17, 2010 from 6 to 8 pm

Residents are invited to attend an Open House at the Niagara District Airport terminal building to learn more about proposed infrastructure improvements.

The Niagara District Airport Commission has received funding assistance from the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF) for infrastructure improvements at the Niagara District Airport. The project includes remediation of the existing runway, construction of a parallel taxiway and taxiway connection, construction of a new terminal building, construction of a new parking lot and access roads, upgrading of fuel equipment, and upgrades to airport illumination and associated work.

The airport is located in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, 468 Niagara Stone Road.

For more information, please contact John Rizzo at 905-685-4225, ext. 3646.

Note – If you require any accommodations for a disability in order to attend and participate in the March 17 Open House, please contact the Accessibility Advisory Co-ordinator at 905-685-4225 ext. 3305, by March 12, to make the appropriate arrangements.

Learn about science, watch movies at library or draw animals at pumphouse

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The camp is for kids ages three to 12.

All instructors are certified teachers and experienced at working with children.

Caughill has been running camps in the Ottawa area for 18 years and this is her eighth season in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

She is a mother of three, a primary physical education and music teacher and a specialist in teaching cooperative games and stress control activities for school children. For more information visit winnersday-camps.ca or call Caughill at 905-468-9408.

The NOTL Public Library's March Break program begins Tuesday with a celebration of 20 years of Shrek. Children can come dressed as a Shrek character and hear the original story, beginning at 10:30 a.m. There is no charge for this event which is for all ages, but advance registration is required.

At 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, explore the energy of motion at the Mad Science Excellent Energy Workshop. Experiment with rubber band-powered race cars, enjoy demonstrations on friction and learn about energy conservation. The fee is $5, for ages six and up. Advance registration required.

A 3:30 p.m. enjoy the first Shrek movie,free and rated PG. Advance registration required.

At 6 p.m. drop in for the Wii Sports Tournament, no charge and it's for all ages.

On Wednesday, take part in Reading Warriors Online Games at 10:30 a.m. There is no charge, for ages 10 and up and advance registration is required.

At 3:30 p.m. celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a special craft, $2 for all ages and advance registration is required.

It's snakes, lizards and alligators on Thursday, with London Reptiles at 10:30 a.m., $5 for all ages and tickets must be purchased in advance.

Local cartoonist Vince Thompson will be stopping by with copies of his book, Vinny & Bud and will perform cartooning demonstrations from 5 to 7 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m. Thursday watch Planet 51, a family film, $2 and advance registration is required.

On Friday, join in a Drum Party with Penner MacKay, beginning at 10 a.m. Get ready to make some noise, $5 for all ages. Advance registration is required.

The School of Dramatic Arts Niagara will hold a workshop from 1 to 4 p.m.—a fun three-hour drama workshop that ends in a mini-performance for friends and family. The cost is $20, ages four and up. Advance registration is required.

At 4 p.m., drop in with your toughest Twilight trivia questions and challenge your friends—no charge.

Wrap up March Break Saturday with the Diary of a Library Kid journal-decorating craft at 10:30 a.m.

The journal and decorations are provided—children need only provide their imagination. There is a fee of $2 for all ages and advance registration is required.

The 39 Library Clues Family Scavenger Hunt begins at 1 p.m. Follow 39 clues through the library to discover a secret message and win a family prize. There is no charge for the scavenger hunt, but advance registration is required. It's recommended for ages 10 and up, but the library welcomes children of all ages who participate with their family.

For more information call 905-468-2023.

At the Niagara Pumphouse Visual Art Centre, Esther Mikolajewski will be teaching March Break classes from 1 to 3 p.m., Monday to Friday. Because they were so popular last year, the animals will be returning to be live models for eager young talents to draw and paint

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For more information call 905-468-5455 or visit www.niagarapumphouse.ca.

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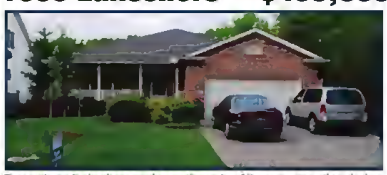

Executive 3 bedroom bungalow in Niagara on the Lake. Spacious eat-in kitchen, large living room and dining room. Finished basement Parking for 6 cars plus attached 2 car garage. A must see home. MLS 20113074. Randy Armstrong.

263 Regent • $689,000

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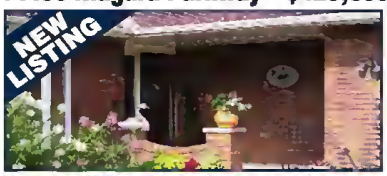
14435 Niagara Parkway • $425,000



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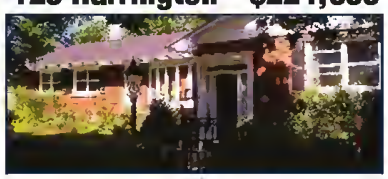

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- Over half of all new patients in 2005 were 65 years or older.
- The three leading causes of kidney failure in new patients are:
  - ✔ Diabetes - 35%
  - ✔ Renal Vascular Disease (including high blood pressure) 19%
  - ✔ Glomerulonephritis (inflammation of the tiny fiters in the kidney which clean the blood) 11.5%
- Among the 32,375 patients on renal replacement therapy on December 31, 2005:
  - ✔ 12,654 or 39% had a functioning transplant;
  - ✔ 19,721 or 621% were on dialysis
- Amont the 19,721 patients on dialysis at year-end 2005:
  - ✔ 16,047 or 81% were on hemodialysis
  - ✔ 3,674 or 19% were on peritoneal dialysis.
- The sale and purchase of organs for transplant is illegal in Canada
- Of the 4,240 Canadians on the waiting list for a transplant (as of December 2006), 3,075 were awaiting a kidney transplant
- Of the 1,202 kidney transplants performed in 2006, 40% were from living donors.
- Since 1964 The Kidney Foundation has awarded more than $80 million to support kidney-related research.
- In the 2007-2008 competition year, 63 research awards were granted for a total of almost $3 million. The breakdown is as follows:

Research Award Type	# Granted	$ Amount
Operating Grants	47	2,304,278
Fellowships	5	215,000
Scholarships	3	135,000
Allied Health Awards	8	263,997
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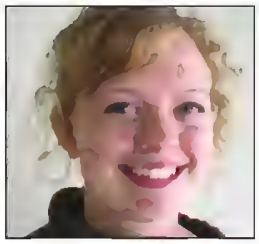
NDSS sends Shelter Boxes to Haiti

Standing-room crowd at what was called the last NDSS concert enjoyed a variety of performances from students.



Sarah Battersby
NDSS NEWS

Our Hearts for Haiti fundraiser was a tremendous success.

We surpassed our financial goal and are pleased to report that we are able to send two Shelter Boxes to Haiti with a tent and essential supplies to help those left homeless in the recent earthquake.

The students who acted, sang, danced and provided music enjoyed themselves and for many of them it was their first fundraising event.

They were delighted with the standing-room-only crowd but were also very aware of the serious purpose of their concert.

The theme for the evening was Working Together to Help Others. Songs like "Stand By Me" (Tyler Lachnit, David and Sam DiFrancesco, Corie Hordijk, Hilary Falconer), "Bridge Over Troubled Water" (Jamie Heins, Corie Hordijk, Jasmiini Kaasinen), and dance numbers like "Lean On Me" (Brittany Davies, Kendra Hobbs and Nathan Morris) were appropriate choices.

The Grade 9/10 drama class performed "Stone Soup" and its story of people sharing and coming together was a reflection of NDSS performers and community coming together to support the people of Haiti.

NDSS girls sing for Hearts for Haiti at last week's fundraising concert in the Black Box Theatre.

The international flavour (think globally, act locally) included an African Jazz Dance performance and the South African "We Rise Again" sung by our school choir.

Many performers took part and, as always, they were directed by Ms Wylde and Mrs. Hutchison. Art work was on display thanks to Mrs. Black and her visual arts students. Thanks to all the caretakers, secretaries and Mrs. Murphy, teachers and parents who worked together and thanks to the community for its support.

In academic news, our best and brightest math students competed in the Pascal, Cayley and Fermat math contests. Our Reach for the Top team competes in its second tournament today. Derek Beatty, Sammy Livingston, Tess Hoover, Mike Slingerland, Max Whitworth and Lena Schott are the team members.

Grade 10 students are preparing for the EQAO Literacy Test in April. There are special preparation classes that students have been attending and all students received workbooks to assist them.

Grad photos are being taken this week and plans are being made for graduation and the senior prom in June.

In sports news, our senior girls volleyball team lost in the SOSSA finals to Confederation from Welland. The girls were undefeated in league play. Thanks to Mr. Riediger, Mr. Dyck and Mrs. Power for a great season.

The junior girls lost in the semi-finals to West Park but played very well against a strong team. Thanks to Mr. Searson and Mr. Glantz for coaching.

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Celebration in the works at Laura Secord

Students reading for MS fundraiser and for local reading club.

Shae Kitchen and Emily Snook
St. Davids students

St. Davids School
In the Classroom

For the staff and students of St. Davids School, the past months have been filled with educational opportunities and many exciting new activities

From the book fair to the successful sports teams, the students have been working hard to balance school work and other extra-curricular activities.

Here are a few of the wonderful new events happening at St. Davids: The Scholastic Book Fair to help buy more books for our newly renovated library, the MS Read-a-thon which raised over $350 to donate to help research and aid people living with the terrible disease, and the Silver Birch and Red Maple Clubs, where kids in the junior and intermediate divisions can choose to read five or more books by a deadline in April, and then vote for their favourite novel.

Another extra-curricular activity is the choir, with a huge participation of about 60 people.

The choir is planning to sing two songs at a competition at St.Catharines Collegiate. Both songs sound fabulous.

The senior girls basketball team had a successful season, but lost in the league championships to Virgil in a hard fought battle. In the DSBN tournament, the girls made it to the semi-finals against a powerful Ross team, where they lost a tight game.

The senior boys improved greatly over the course of the season, losing in the finals with a score of 51-45 to Lockview.

The eco-club led by Mr. Climenhage is spreading awareness through assemblies as well as posters and announcements. The students in the club are busy keeping track of whether the lights and computer monitors are turned off when not in use in all the classrooms.

Also, the chess club is getting closer to choosing students for the regional tournament.

After 96 years of education at Laura Secord Public School, the building is nearing its close. Although the closing will be an event of sadness for those who have brilliant memories of the old school, it also marks the beginning of a joining of the St. Davids community.

On May 16, please come and share your favourite memories of the school at Laura Secord to celebrate the fun times that will be remembered for years to come.

When Laura Secord students are ready to join us at St. Davids, we'll be ready. The construction is expected to be finished around mid-April. However, the younger students will not arrive until the start of next school year. Tons of cool new technology is here at St. Davids including Mac computers and iPod touches. We're enjoying using the smartboards and projectors for visual lessons in class.

Industrious students and staff at St. Davids have been preparing for the report cards to be sent home March 26. As far as we're concerned, we deserve a nice March Break.

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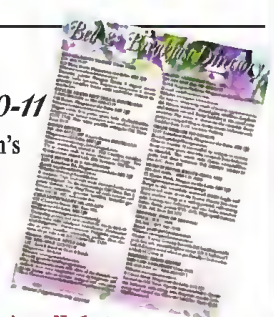

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Parliament Oak students busy with clubs, sports

Students looking forward to report cards, March Break.

Julia B. & Cierra P.
Parliament Oak students

Parliament Oak School
In the Classroom

There are always many fun things happening at Parliament Oak.

In the JK/SK classes, Mrs. Inglis' students are learning to infer and they are also learning about community helpers. They are looking forward to March Break. Miss Mason's students are learning how to look for clues to help them to read more fluently. They are also learning about different shapes. Both classes are looking forward to report cards.

The Grade 1/2 class did an Olympic unit in which they did worksheets, research on the computer and crafts to accompany books, as well as doing different fun Olympic events. In science the Grade 1/2s are looking onward to starting a new Science unit on structures.

The Grade 2/3 class also did an Olympic theme. They did an Olympic booklet where each child was a reporter. In science, the class is working on simple machines. In math they are working on geometry. In literacy they are working on a persuasive letter.

Also, like the Grade 2/3 class, our Grade 3/4 class is working on a persuasive letter. The Grade 4s are learning about medieval times. The Grade 3s are practising for standardized provincial tests. Their math unit is also on geometry. Our whole class is looking forward to March Break, but not the report cards.

A fun trip to the Parkway for bowling is in the works for students who have earned their hundred reward bucks. Way to go 3/4s.

The Grade 4/5s are studying ancient Greece in history and studying a young person who changed the world.

The Grade 6/7s have earned enough 'fake' money to go to Peak's Indoor Rock climb Centre.

Two girls in Mrs. Andrews' class won top prizes at the Legion's Provincial Remembrance Day Competition for their posters. Congratulations to Lavinia Chu and Lauren Cain.

The Grade 7/8s are preparing for graduation. They made cupcakes for the Italian dinner that was held at Parliament Oak on Sunday. Thank you to the many parents and staff who were involved in making the evening a success and special thanks to Mr. Woods for the wonderful lasagna.

There are many clubs and teams getting mentally and physically fit at Parliament Oak. The Silver Birch Reading Club is advertising a book the participating students have read. The Junior girls' and boys' basketball teams are underway. In the 'Go Girls' club they just finished the Zooma dance noon hour program. Primary floor hockey teams have "netted" in most of the students and the Games Club is always busy. Mrs. Giesbrecht's Cuisine club is going to have a pancake feast in a few days. We love the French cuisine.

Special thank you to all of our many parent volunteers who help make our learning community a good place to be.

Have a safe and healthy March Break from all of us at Parliament Oak.

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NOTICE TO VIEW DRAFT PROPOSED ASSESSMENT REPORT

Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Committee (NPSPC) has completed the *Draft Proposed Assessment Report (AR)* as required under the Clean Water Act, 2006. This is now available for public review. Interested parties may access the document on the website at: www.sourceprotection-niagara.ca

The *Draft Proposed Assessment Report* may also be reviewed Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. from March 8 to April 12, 2010 at:

Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Administration Office
250 Thorold Road West, 3rd Floor, Welland, Ontario, L3C 3W2

The *Draft Proposed Assessment Report* is a summary of all the technical reports and studies that have been completed under the Source Protection program to-date. The information in this report will provide the basis for developing the Source Protection Plan to protect municipal drinking water sources in Niagara. A key item in the report is the delineation of vulnerable areas and identification of drinking water threats in these areas.

INVITATION TO ATTEND PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE MEETINGS

The Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Committee would like to invite you to attend any one of the three public open house meetings to learn more. You will have an opportunity to comment on the *Draft Proposed Assessment Report* for the Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Area.

Each meeting will include a brief presentation followed by an opportunity for Questions and Answers.

DATE: Monday, March 29, 2010
TIME: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Presentation at 7:30)
LOCATION: Roselawn Centre; 296 Fielden Avenue, PORT COLBORNE, ON

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TIME: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Presentation at 2:30 pm) **NOTE DAYTIME MEETING*
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Invitation to Comment on the Draft Proposed Assessment Report

The public is invited to provide comments on the *Draft Proposed Assessment Report*. These may be submitted in writing or by email by April 12, 2010 to:

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Attention: Brian Wright, MBA, P.Eng.,
Source Protection Coordinator
250 Thorold Road West, 3rd Floor
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Tel: 905-788-3135 ext. 253
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Email: bwright@npca.ca

Fun and fundraising at Cork's

Local teen is organizing an evening to raise money to purchase Shelter Boxes that will provide temporary housing for the homeless of Haiti.

A Niagara-on-the-Lake teenager hopes to send shelter to the people of Haiti.

"I'd actually love to go there myself. I really, really wish I could go, that I was able to get down and help get things fixed," says Zan Dominick, a Grade 11 student at Laura Secord Secondary School.

But since she can't, she is doing the next best thing. She has organized a fundraiser in conjunction with Shelter Box Canada - A Global Rotary Project, for this Saturday, March 13 at Cork's Restaurant.

The 16-year-old loves the Niagara Rhythm Section, voted the top blues band the last two years at the Niagara Music Awards—and went often to the Anchorage to see Steve Goldberger, Penner MacKay and the other local musicians who played there regularly.

When the band moved to Cork's on Queen Street, she did as well, so it seemed natural to ask them to be involved when she decided to raise money to send Shelter Boxes to Haiti.

The Shelter Box program is an international disaster relief charity that delivers emergency shelter, warmth and dignity to people affected by disaster worldwide. A Shelter Box is a large, rugged plastic container that holds a high-tech 10-person tent, thermal blankets, insulated ground sheets, a multi-fuel stove, cooking utensils, collapsible water containers, water purification tablets, a basic tool kit and a children's educational pack.

The boxes cost $1,000 each, and each has a serial number and can be tracked online, so Dominick will be able to see where hers ends up.

Dominick has posters around town, a Facebook event page, and is talking to as many people as she can to convince them to be part of the fundraiser she has organized, a first for her and a real learning curve, she says.

Zan Dominick is preparing for a great evening at Corks Saturday, and a chance to help the people of Haiti.

"I wasn't sure if it would work out at first, but when I began to talk to people about it everyone was so enthusiastic, and I realized wow, this is really going to happen. I feel so fortunate to be able to work with so many awesome people."

Also a first for the talented NOTL teen - she hopes to be able to sing a song or two with the Niagara Rhythm Section.

There is no cover charge - just a goodwill donation. For those who cannot attend the event but would like to help, donations will be accepted at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Chamber of Commerce 905-468-1950 and online at www.niagaraonthelake.com.

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Firefighters blazing hot

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Lavoie earns shut out

Rotary and Meridian Credit Union house league atoms wait to see if they move ahead in next round of play-offs.

In Niagara-on-the-Lake Minor Hockey Association play-off action, the Meridian Credit Union has finished their first play-off round with a 2-2-2 record and is waiting to hear if they move on or if they are finished for the season.

The MCU wrapped up their last three games with a strong win against Dunnville and a win and a loss against Thorold. MCU goaltender Luca Lavoie made several impressive saves and thoroughly earned his shut-out for this game. Alex Carr and Nathan Zalepa were strong defensively. Matthew Puglisi and Ty Reschke both netted hat tricks and Simmonds got a single.

Assists came from Rory Hellwig, Mitchell Brown, Nicholas Armstrong and Markus Hale.

MCU's 4-1 win over Thorold came thanks to goals from Reschke, Jackson Maves, Puglisi and Simmonds.

Thorold shot into the lead in the first three minutes of the third after two scoreless periods in MCU's 3-4 loss. Puglisi and Simmonds scored a goal each then Thorold scored another to go up by two.

With less than two minutes remaining Simmonds put NOTL within a goal of tying but the team couldn't pull off the win.

The NOTL Rotary atoms have a win and two losses in their final games of their play-off round.

Their last two games were against West Lincoln, with a lone goal from Josh Bush, assisted by Haiden O'Toole in a 4-1 loss, and a single from Nick Van Egmond stopping a shutout in their 5-1 loss.

Bush, Max Brant and Matthew Caston shared the scoring in the Rotary's 5-4 win over Thorold.

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Five local figure skaters reached finals in recent competition; four go on to provincial championship.

Five members of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Skating Club competed in the finals of the 2010 Western Ontario Boston Pizza Championships held in St. Mary's recently.

Of those, four qualified for the upcoming provincial competition to be held in Kingston this weekend.

The skaters in the St. Mary's STARSkate Triathlon events skated three programs - Skills, Interpretive and Free Skate. Skaters had to place in the top three of their flight to qualify for event finals.

The first place skater of a Triathlon event and the top three skaters in the final flight of Free Skate events qualified to move on to the Trillium STARSkate Championships, the provincial competition.

Hilary Falconer will compete in both the Silver Triathlon and Senior Silver Free Skate

Natalie Li qualified at the Preliminary Free Skate level, Danielle Gaio at the Junior Bronze Free Skate level and Danielle Hunter at the Junior Silver level.

In the Western Ontario Boston Pizza Championship, Hilary Falconer came first in the Silver Triathlon and second in the STARSkate Senior Silver, sending her to the provincial competition.

Natalie Li earned first place in the STARSkate Preliminary, qualifying her for the provincial championship, while Danielle Gaio earned her ticket to Kingston with her second place finish in the STARSkate Junior Bronze.

Danielle Hunter qualified for provincials with her second in the STARSkate Junior Silver and third in the Bronze Triathlon.

Kristen Dortono was third in the Silver Triathlon; Lara Ostrowski was fifth in the Bronze Triathlon; and Annelise Perron was fifth in the STARSkate Pre-Preliminary.

Danielle Hunter, Hilary Falconer, Danielle Gaio and Natalie Li will compete at the provincial figure skating championships in Kingston this weekend.

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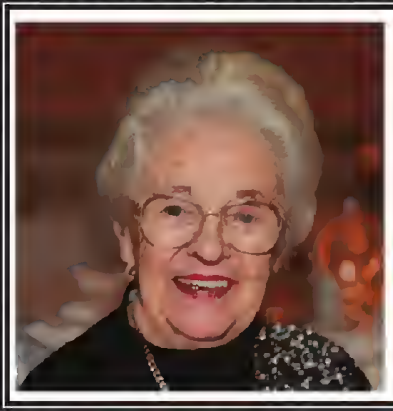

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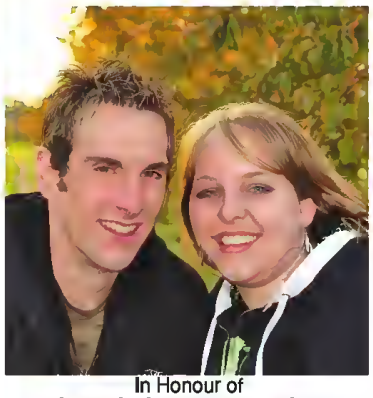

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In May **2001**, while still quite active as a teacher and economist, Carl suffered a major stroke. He retired to his home in Niagara-on-the-Lake with his wife Kathy who helped him live out the rest of his years with dignity and peace. Carl had always taken great pride in his self-reliance, intellectual energy and productivity. The debilitating effects of his stroke were a challenge for Carl which he met with courage and quiet resolve. Carl, his siblings, his wife and two sons could not have been more grateful for the patient and generous help of the many health professionals and support workers in the extended Niagare Region. The caring and humane Canadian cheracter, which initially drew Carl to this country, was a great source of comfort to him during his time of greatest need.

Carl once wrote, *"People alive today are becoming so adamant about having their wants satisfied now that it takes a rare politician to reflect for more than a brief moment on the needs of the yet unborn."* When he was alive and at full capacity, Carl strove to help Canadians look to the future and to make his new country a better place.

Carl is survived by his wife Kathy, his sons Darin and David and David's wife Sue as well as his grandchildren Aldan and Matthew, brother Robert, sisters Jackie and Barbara. Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service to celebrate Carl's life will be held at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 342 Simcoe Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake on Saturday, March **20, 2010** at 11:30. For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to The Jaravinski Cancer Centre, Dr. Mark Levine Fellowship through MORGAN FUNERAL HOME 415 Regent Stree, Niagara-on-the-Lake. Online guest register: www.morganfuneral.com.

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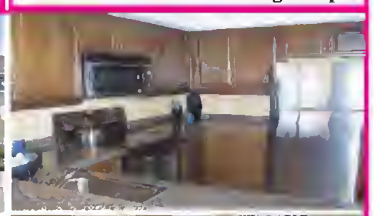

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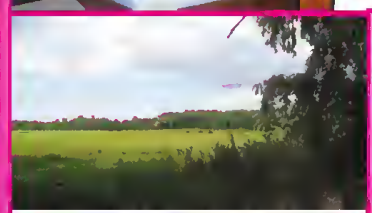

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